

# Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District

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Re: HB 4232, 4233, 4234

Dear Representative Huuki:

Please accept this letter as my support for the above bills that would allow an Intermediate School District Superintendent to act as or designate a person to act as Superintendent for a constituent district. Here in the EUP our many small districts cannot afford to have multiple administrators and assistance from the ISDs can assist in providing the oversight needed while allowing the local administrator or teachers to focus on student learning and avoid the distractions of administrative duties that can easily, in most cases, be handled through the ISD.

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The Honorable Matt Huuki  
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## Letter of Support for HB 4232, 4233 & 4234

Dear Representative Huuki:

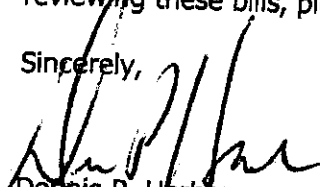
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Within the Copper Country Intermediate School District, and throughout the State of Michigan, we have many small K-12 school districts who are struggling financially with declining enrollment, rising health care and retirement costs and dwindling State resources. As a result, districts have been asked to consolidate services in an effort to reduce operational costs. The above mentioned bills would simply provide an option to contract these services with their ISD and ultimately reduce administrative costs.

Interestingly enough, the current law restricts K-12 schools from exercising this option. However, K-6 and K-8 districts have utilized this option for many years. Within the Copper Country Intermediate School District, I serve as the Superintendent for three K-6 school districts. As a result, these small districts have been able to keep their administrative costs at a minimum.

If you should need additional information or if I can be of assistance to you during the process of reviewing these bills, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dennis P. Harbour  
Superintendent

DPH/pm

**DICKINSON-IRON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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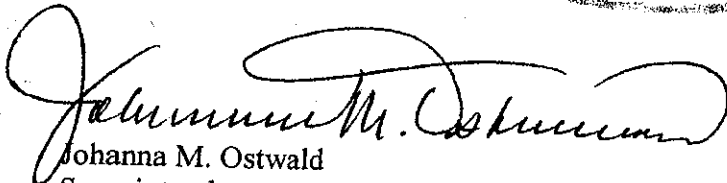
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Within the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District, and throughout the State of Michigan, we have numerous small K-12 school districts who are struggling financially with declining enrollment, rising health care and retirement costs and reduced State revenue. As a result, districts have been asked and are willing to consolidate certain services in an effort to maximize operational resources. The above mentioned bills would simply provide an option to contract these services with their ISD and ultimately reduce administrative costs.

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March 4, 2011

Honorable Matt Huuki  
House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Huuki:

The Marquette Alger Regional Education Service Agency (MARESA) is pleased to support House Bills 4232, 4233 & 4234. This series of bills would allow an Intermediate School District Superintendent or his/her designee to serve as a local school superintendent. In addition to our support, the Michigan Association of School Administrators Region 1 (Upper Peninsula) unanimously supported this bill.

MARESA is very supportive of increased opportunities for working with our local schools to increase efficiencies and reduce operational costs where possible. It is critical that our intermediate and local school districts have policy and legislation that supports effective and efficient school operations.

We offer our support to you for a successful passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Steven E. Peffers  
Superintendent



March 7, 2011

Representative Matt Huuki  
S-1489 House Office Building  
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Re: HB 4232, 4233, 4234

Dear Representative Huuki:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Gogebic Ontonagon ISD in support of the bills referenced above that would allow an Intermediate School District Superintendent or their designee to serve as the superintendent for one of its constituent districts. These bills were referenced at a recent U.P. Region 1 superintendents meeting with no opposition. I believe that these bill passages would allow our local districts to access the knowledge and resources much more efficiently from the ISD staff without the total associated costs it now bears. This could also enhance the implementation of area initiatives much quicker than the current structure. Our small, rural districts are in need of flexibility when it comes to their expenditures and the lack of resources available to educate their students.

Thank you for your support in sponsoring these bills on the behalf of our schools and ISD's.

Respectfully,

Bruce F. Mayle  
Superintendent  
Gogebic Ontonagon ISD

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